

What is the Ahmed Fahour Scholarship?

Mr Ahmed Fahour wishes to provide support for female undergraduate students who exemplify social diversity, activism and leadership and who demonstrate financial need.

How much is the scholarship?

\$3000 per year for up to three years paid in \$1500 instalments following confirmation of ongoing eligibility after the Semester 1 and Semester 2 census dates (usually April and September).

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Identify as female
- Be an Australian citizen or Permanent Resident
- Be commencing the first year of your first undergraduate Bachelor degree at any face-to-face campus of La Trobe University in Semester 1 2019
- Come from a socially diverse background
- Be able to demonstrate financial need
- Be able to demonstrate an involvement in social and community inclusiveness and leadership in Australia

How are the applications assessed?

The recipient of the Scholarship shall be selected by the University on the basis of:

- an application form addressing the eligibility criteria and including a personal statement describing your personal goals and ambitions and a future contribution to Australia society
- documentary evidence demonstrating financial hardship
- a selection panel will rank applicants according personal statements and demonstrated financial difficulty
- approval by the donor Mr Ahmed Fahour

Helpful information

- **Alternative format:** this application form is available in an alternative format for those who need it, upon request, please email: scholarships@latrobe.edu.au
- **Detailed information:** Make sure you provide full details requested in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this application. Otherwise, your application may not be assessed appropriately. All information will be treated with strict confidentiality.
- **Supporting documentation:** Supporting documentation is written verification from someone who is qualified to comment on our circumstances. The person must not be related to you or in a close personal relationship with you.
- **False or misleading information:** La Trobe University reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a bursary and re-assess the application if the University believes the recipient has provided false or misleading information in the application form or subsequently.
- **Late applications:** applications received after the closing date may be accepted by staff **only if accompanied by a signed formal request** outlining **exceptional circumstances outside your control** that have resulted in a late application, e.g. serious illness or other personal crisis. The selection committee will later determine whether a late application will be considered, based on the explanation you provide. (*Note: Reasons relating to employment, placements, holidays or other activities that you choose to engage in are unlikely to be considered "exceptional".*)
- **Application process:** the assessment will commence after the application closing date. You will be notified of the outcome via email approximately 4 weeks after the application closing date. To ensure that all candidates are treated with equity, staff are unable to advise you of the progress of an individual application.

Where to submit the completed application form

You may submit your completed application form via email.

Section 2: personal statement and supporting documents

1. Please provide as a separate attachment, your personal statement (no more than two A4 pages) detailing the following:
 - What has brought you to La Trobe and the course you have chosen to undertake?
 - Your level of financial hardship and how this has affected your capacity to study in the past.
 - Your involvement in social and community inclusiveness and leadership in Australia
 - Your future career goals and ambitions on graduating from La Trobe University.
 - How you believe this scholarship will benefit you and help you complete your studies.

Your statement must be typed and include your name, signature and the date.

2. Please provide documentary evidence to support the financial disadvantage you describe in your personal statement.

Please include the following:

- A statement of support
- Proof of financial disadvantage for example, Centrelink benefit statement, ATO statements, recent pay slips.

Please note a statement of support must be submitted by a responsible person. A responsible person is someone who:

- Is an Australian Citizen or Permanent resident who is 18 year or older and has known you for at least 12 months;
- and is not related to you by birth, marriage, de factor or same sex relationship;
- and does not live with you or reside at your residence and is in a position to comment knowledgeably about your situation without having to be briefed by you about the circumstances.

3. Please provide evidence of your involvement in social and community inclusiveness and leadership in Australia.
4. Please attach any other supporting documentation that you feel is relevant to your application.

Section 3: declaration

I (your full name)

Being the applicant for the Ahmed Fahour Scholarship in support of gender diversity and social inclusion scholarship, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the statements made in this application and in the accompanying documents are true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that it is my responsibility to provide the required supporting documentation with my application and that I will not be contacted for missing or incomplete supporting documentation.

I understand that if I provide inaccurate information in this application this may result in cancellation of an offer of a scholarship or termination of a scholarship that has been paid and refund to the University of any monies received by me.

I also understand that the scholarship assessment and allocation process is competitive and that not all applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be awarded a scholarship.

Further, I understand that giving false and misleading information is a serious offence under the criminal code (Commonwealth).

I understand that should I be awarded this scholarship I will be required to:

- supply an annual report to the Donor
- maintain satisfactory academic progress
- maintain full-time enrolment

I understand that should I be awarded this scholarship I may be required to:

- participate in promotional activities related to this scholarship

I have read and understood the information on page one of this form, including the declaration and agree to these conditions.

Student signature

Date

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Section 4: checklist

	Circle YES or N/A where appropriate	
I have read and understand the eligibility criteria of the Ahmed Fahour Scholarship in support of gender diversity and social inclusion scholarship.	YES	
I have completed all relevant sections of the application form and included copies of all the required documentation.	YES	
I have completed, signed and attached my personal statement (Section 2.1).	YES	
I have attached documentary evidence regarding my financial hardship (Section 2.2).	YES	N/A
I have attached a signed statement of support and proof of financial hardship (Section 2.2).	YES	
I have attached evidence of my involvement in social and community inclusiveness and leadership in Australia (Section 2.3).		
Any other supporting documents attached? Please list them here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____ 	YES	N/A
Name of applicant:		
Signed:		Date: